(b) Thre is no control on trade and movement of mica, the quality of mica utilised by various units or the quantity despatched to other States are therefore not monitored.

(c) The amount of royalty paid to Bihar for mica during the last three years is as under :—

Year	Royalty & Cess (in lakhs)
1990-91	11.55
1991-92	8.71
1992-93	7.88

(d) Mica industry in the country is facing problems largely due to recession, substi ution of mica and its production and the deeper mines becoming operationally uneconomically viable.

Production of value added items like mica paper and mica based insulated materials, identification of new export markets for Indian mica and its products, technological improvement and diversification by tht mica producing units can help increase its demand and production.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY PUNJAB ASSEMBLY FOR REVIVAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

3433. **SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA** : Will the Min ster of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that Punjab Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution unanimously for the revival of Legislative Council in Punjab; and

(b) if so, by when the Central Government is bringing the necessary legislation to enact the law for revival of Punjab Legislative Council ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) A Resolut on for he creation of Punjab Legislative Council under Article 169 of the Constitution of India was passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha at its meeting held on 7th April, 1993. The Resolut on was passed by majority of total membership and by the majority of more than 2|3 of the Members of the Assembly present at that time and voted. This Resolution passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha has been received by Ministry of Home Affairs who are se zed of the matter.

TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SAIL

3434. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that total investment in SAIL as on 31st March, 1993 is about Rs. 9200 crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since 1986-87 SAIL's capital outlay on Modernisation and other schemes amounted to about Rs. 8100 crore;

(c) whether the capital investment in respect of subsidiaries of SAIL during the period 1988-89 to 1992-93 amounted to over Rs. 390 crore; and

(d) if so, what is the amount of total investment of SAIL as on 31st March, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The total investment in Steel Authority of India Limited including its subsidiaries, as on 31-3-1993 has been Rs. 9164 crores, in terms of the sum of net fixed assets and net working capital. Specific Energy Consumption of Crude Steel

3435. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether SAIL has claimed that specific energy consumption had been brought down from 11.2 KG Cal./t of crude steel in 1986-87 to 9.06 KG Cal./t of crude steel in 1992-93;

(b) whether it is a fact that coke rate in blast furnace has also been brought down from 775 KG Cal. of hot metal in 1986-87 to 695 KG Cal. of hot metal in 1992-93; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir. The energy consumption in five integrated steel plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been brought down from 11.27 G. Cal./t of crude steel in 1986-87 to 9.06 G. Cal./t of crude steel in 1992-93.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is also a fact that coke rate in blast furnaces, which is a major constituent of energy requirement in a steel plant, has reduced in SAIL plants from 775 Kg/t of hot metal in 1986-87 to 695 Kg/t of hot metal in 1992-93.

(c) These improvements have been possible by a two pronged strategy of :

— improving operating practices and technological discipline.

— introduction of energy efficient technologies in steel plants.

MEETING OF INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATIVES WITH STEEL MINISTRY

3436. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Ministry has called a meeting of industrial representatives on 17th/18th September to discuss and find out what policy intervention and reliefs are needed from Government;

(b) if so, what was the main purpose of the meeting;

(c) to what extent the purpose was achieved;

(d) what was the outcome of the discussions held by Government with representatives; and

(e) whether any final decision for their implementation was concluded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (e) As part of a continuing process o ascertaining from time to time the progress of implementation of iron and steel projects, a meeting was convened on 17th September, 1993 with some of the entrepreneurs. It was impressed upon the entrepreneurs that in view of the large investments required in this sector, where was a need for them to build up competent managerial expertise for project implementation, keeping in view the latest developments in technology, and improve the financial viability of the projects. It was also indicated that on its part Government was keen to see the early implementation of proposed projects, and towards that objective it would provide whatever assistance is possible.